MINUTES OF THE AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING November 6, 2012

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission meeting was called to order on November 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Spokely in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Briggs, Combs, Green, Snyder, Spokely, Vitas,

Worthington, Young

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Will Wong, Community Development Director

Reg Murray, Senior Planner

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 21, 2012

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Otten addressed the Commission about a couple housekeeping items regarding the agenda and access to City Hall. He also left a packet of information for the commissioners to consider when the Commission next meets to discuss its powers and duties.

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW – 958 LINCOLN WAY – FILE HDR 12-13. The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval to modify the paint colors for the building at 958 Lincoln Way.

Planner Murray summarized the request, including the proposed color changes and the addition of a stucco finish to cover and existing rock veneer under the front windows.

Commissioner Green commented on the information provided to the Commission and asked for proposed paint colors to be depicted on building elevations in order to help commissioners visualize the proposed color scheme.

Commissioner Combs asked about the type of stucco that would be applied to the building and whether old historic photos were researched

Planner Murray commented that the stucco would match the existing stucco on the rest of the building; and, that staff had not sought out historic photos of the building.

Commissioner Young noted that different trim colors would be used to accent the two tenant spaces in the building and suggested that only one trim color be used instead.

Planner Murray noted that the two colors were selected to provide an individual accent to the two tenant spaces.

Commissioner Worthington asked for clarification regarding the colors being applied to the building; commented about the color selections; referenced a historic color palette; and, questioned how the Commission could insure that the colors were in harmony with one another and contributory to the architectural and historic character of the block.

Planner Murray commented that the scope of review is for the subject building and not the block that it is a part of.

Planner Wong noted that the City does not have an adopted color palette. He reminded the Commission of the prior review and survey relating to historic colors the Commission's decision not to adopt a specific color palette, but instead rely on the individual historic color palettes developed by paint manufacturers. He also noted that the decision was to insure that color selection is appropriate to the architecture of the building.

The Commission and staff had additional discussion regarding the proposed colors, historic color palettes, and the criteria and procedures for the consideration of colors on buildings within the Downtown District.

Chairman Spokely opened the public hearing.

The applicant, Larry Carducci, addressed the Commission. Mr. Carducci indicated that he looked at other buildings and colors in the area and was cognizant of the "color vocabulary" of the area. He addressed questions about historic colors and how colors were selected. Mr. Carducci noted that two of the proposed colors are the same as the clock tower building in Downtown. Different trim colors were selected for the two tenant spaces to give an individual identity to each tenant space.

Chairman Spokely closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Snyder MOVED to approve the project per Resolution 12-07 as presented.

Commissioner Briggs **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES: Briggs, Combs, Green, Snyder, Spokely, Vitas,

Worthington, Young

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

The motion was **APPROVED**.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- **A.** City Council Meetings None
- **B.** Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
 Planner Murray noted that the next meeting is November 20, 2012 and reminded the Commission to email staff with their list of powers and duties that they are interested in for the purpose of serving on an ad hoc committee.
- C. Reports
 None

VII. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None

VIII. FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reg Murray